

**Oakland Adult and Career Education (OACE)
CASF Digital Literacy Grant Application
Item 1 – Project Summary**

Applicant Name:	Oakland Adult and Career Education (OACE)
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Project Title:	Mobile Learning Lab
Named Project Location:	Communities in Oakland, CA
Project Type:	Digital Literacy
Amount of CASF Grant Funding Requested	\$28,132.00
Project Cost	\$33,096.00
Number of participants	45-50
Median Household Income	N/A

The digital divide typically indicates the gap between those with Internet access and those without it. However, the digital divide is more complex with issues of access, affordability, quality, and relevance. In many instances, people still lack knowledge and skill with technologies. My experience in working with adults has provided me with valuable insights into the specific needs and barriers that adult learners in Oakland encounter.

The mobile learning lab was conceived in 2004 to bring digital literacy classes for adult learners into Oakland communities where need was high. By being mobile some of the barriers (transportation, time) to taking classes could be overcome. Now, with Zoom, students can study from home but, without a device and reliable Internet, there are still challenges. My digital literacy curriculum is based on a 12-week, 120 hour schedule. Students receive a Chromebook to keep and the loan of a mobile hotspot as incentives.